DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alabama Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alabama Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act, as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the National Forests in Alabama, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. General information and meeting details can be found at the following website:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/alabama/workingtogether/advisorycommittees

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 11, 2023, 9 – 12 p.m., Central Standard Time. All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **For Further Information Contact.**

ADDRESSES: This meeting is open to the public and will be held at the National Forests in Alabama Supervisor's Office, located at 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36107. The public may also join virtually via telephone and/or video conference. Virtual meeting participation details can be found on the website listed under *Summary* or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in

the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Freeman Brown, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 334-315-4926 or email at tammy.freemanbrown@usda.gov; or Dawn Suiter, RAC Coordinator at 334-224-5336 or email at dawn.suiter@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1. Discuss the purpose of RAC, operating guidelines and responsibilities;
- 2. Conduct Ethics Training for members;
- 3. Discuss previously approved Title II projects, current funding, and outreach on potential Title II projects, and processes;
- 4. Schedule next meeting;

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda.

Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Dawn Suiter, 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36107; or by email to dawn.suiter@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the

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Dated: December 1, 2022.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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